What Do I Bring with Me to Apply?

- ✓ Proof of age for both applicant and spouse (birth certificate, driver's license or passport).
- ✓ Proof of ownership (deed or tax bill). This also includes copies of any contracts, trust agreements, life estates or other documents that identify your ownership interest in the home.
- ✓ If you are under 65 and applying based on disability, bring proof of disability such as an award letter from Social Security or Worker's Compensation, or a Doctor's Certificate of Disability.
- ✓ Ohio Income Tax Return (applicant and the applicant's spouse.) Nonfilers must state their income eligibility on their application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our Homestead Department at (330) 740-2010 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit our website:

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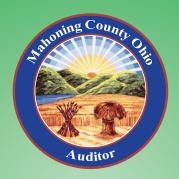
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THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION



A Reduction in
Real Estate and
Manufactured Home Taxes
For Senior Citizen and
Disabled Homeowners

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Real Tax Relief

Eligible homeowners are able to shield \$25,000 worth of the market value of their home from local property taxes. For example the owner of a \$100,000 home who is eligible for the Homestead Exemption would be billed as if the home were worth \$75,000.



Who is **Eligible?**

Starting in Tax Year 2014 for taxes collected in calendar year 2015, the Homestead Exemption is open to any Ohio Homeowner who:

- Owns and occupies the homestead as the applicant's domicile as of January 1 in the year of application; and
- Is at least 65 years old or will reach age 65 during the current tax year; or
- Is certified totally and permanently disabled as of January 1 of the current tax year, regardless of age; or

- Is the surviving spouse of a qualified homeowner who was receiving the Homestead Exemption at the time of death, and who was at least 59 years old on the date of their spouse's death; and
- Meets the income threshold as determined by the Tax Commissioner. (Income must include both the applicant and the applicant's spouse.)
- Individuals who received the Homestead Exemption for Tax Year 2013 or prior (2014 or prior for manufactured and mobile homes) on any residence may continue to receive the Homestead Exemption on another residence within the state without meeting the income test currently required for the exemption, if a different residence otherwise meets the qualification of a homestead.

What is a Homestead?

A dwelling, including a single family home, a unit in a multiple-unit dwelling or a manufactured or mobile home.

What is an Applicant's Domicile?

An applicant can have several residences, but only one domicile. This is the applicant's legal home and permanent residence. It controls a state's income taxing jurisdiction and where an individual may vote.

When Do I Apply?

Applications are accepted after the first Monday in January through the first Monday in June each year.

Where Do I Apply?

Mahoning County Auditor's Office Mahoning County Courthouse 120 Market Street Youngstown, Ohio 44503 (330) 740-2010

When Will I Receive the Reduction?

You will begin receiving the credit on the first half property tax bill in the year after you make application.



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